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PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
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2001 PROPOSALS

THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR BOD ACTION. VOTES  
WILL BE DUE BY MARCH 6, 2001. PLEASE LET YOUR BOD MEMBERS KNOW HOW  
YOU FEEL.

- 19.2.1 CONFIRM ST. LOUIS AS SITE OF THE 2001 IRCA CONVENTION WITH  
MIKE SANBURN AS HOST. HELP WILL BE FROM ERIC BUENEMAN. DATES  
WILL BE AUGUST 24,25,26, 2001. SUBMITTED BY MIKE SANBURN
- 19.2.2 ALLOW UN-RESTRICTED ACCESS TO THE IRCA REFLECTOR SITE. THIS  
WILL ALLOW NON MEMBERS ACCESS TO OUR REFLECTOR, LIKE THE  
NRC. IT IS FELT THAT THIS MAY GENERATE SOME NEW MEMBERS.  
SUBMITTED BY LYNN HOLLERMAN.
- 19.2.3 REPLACE A COMPUTER PRINTER FOR RALPH SANSERINO. CURRENT  
PRINTER IS AN HP-500. PRICE WILL BE LESS THAN 150 DOLLARS.  
SUBMITTED BY RALPH SANSERINO.

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CPC DX tests  
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CPC Chairperson (IRCA) - Lynn Hollerman - lynnhollerman@netzero.net

- \* 2/16/01 Fri - 2330-0030 - WGAI - 560 - Elizabeth City NC (BC)
- 2/17/01 Sat - 0000-0200 - WFBS - 1280 - Berwick PA (NRC)

Friday, February 16, 2001-Saturday, February 17, 2001 - WGAI-560,  
Elizabeth City, NC will conduct a DX test from 11:30 pm - 12:30 am  
EST. The test will consist of easily identifiable CW ID's and  
various jingles inserted between breaks of the CW IDs. WGAI will be  
operating with its normal night time operation of 500 watts  
directional. Phone calls (NOT collect) will be accepted at 252-335-  
0856.

Reception reports(with return postage) may be sent to:  
Bob Carter, Operations/Engineering

WGAI-AM Stereo 560  
P.O. Box 1408  
Elizabeth City NC 27909

WWW: www.wgai560am.com  
E-Mail: wgai560am@aol.com  
(Arranged by Bob Carter.)

WFBS-1280 in Berwick, Pennsylvania will conduct a DX test on Saturday February 17, 2001 from 0000-0200 (EST). The test will include tones, music, code and voice ID's on 1000 watts daytime power non directional. Phone calls (not collect) accepted 570-752-8012. Reports with return postage:

Kevin Fennessey, WFBS  
114 Market Street  
Berwick, PA 18603

(Arranged by Dave Schmidt {who will do the test!} for the NRC!)

If you hear a test, PLEASE, PLEASE let me know, via either e-mail or in rec.radio.shortwave! And if you send a reception report to a station, please remember to include return postage with your report...

PLEASE NOTE: Even if you don't hear a test, be sure and drop a card, letter, or e-mail to the station personnel, thanking them for going to the trouble to run a test!

Saturday, February 3, 2001 - WGSR-1570, Fernandina Beach, FL conducted a DX test from "Friday Night into Saturday am EST for 2 + hours starting at midnight". The test will consist of a 70's pop show w/ some 60's music. (904) 277-0630 will be the hitline. Please, no collect calls.

Reception reports may be sent to:

Ron Gitschier, QSL Mgr.  
WGSR 1570  
707 Dade St.  
Fernandina Beach, FL, 32034

E-mail: wyhi\_1570am@hotmail.com

(Arranged by Ron Gitschier.)

WAGL-1560, Lancaster, SC - tested Saturday, January 20, 2001 from 1:00-2:00 am EST:

Nick Hall-Patch in Victoria, BC, Patrick Martin in Seaside, OR, Frank Aden in Boise, ID, Tom Jasinski in Shorewood, IL, Gordon Bell near Troy, NY, Larry Russell in Flushing, MI, and Chris Knight in Fort Lupton, CO (near Denver) all report hearing the test, but John Wilkins on the other side of Denver in Wheat Ridge, CO, Pete Taylor in Tacoma, WA, and Eric Bueneman in Hazelwood, MO tried for the test but were unable to hear it.

WGSR results: (\*\*\*) - NRC reflector, used by permission)

Michael P Battaglino, Chatham NJ \*\*\*: I'm very bummed that I missed "In the Midnight Hour!" In fact, I could only barely make out a few songs (and a quick TOH id at 0100) in the mess that is 1570 up this way. I primarily was having to deal with WISP, Dowlestown, PA and their EWTN programming the first hour, then WBUG, Amsterdam, NY showed up to complicate things in the second hour with C&W music from FM 101.1. What I did catch was in bits and pieces, for rather brief bursts. First time using the Quantum QX and the Quantum Phaser along with my 150' backyard fence wire, I think I'm gonna like this

combination with the R8B.

Frederick R. Vobbe, Lima OH \*\*\*: At one time I heard something that sounded like oldies, but could not tell the title, artist, or did I hear any ID.

David Hochfelder, Central NJ \*\*\*: Some of the program actually made it up here to central NJ, although it was a tough copy. The signal was moderately strong, but suffered from lots of fading and heavy co-channel interference from WISP, Doylestown, PA; WXLN, New Albany, IN; and a third station identifying as "Real Country." There was also adjacent channel interference from WQEW, right up the road in New York City. Both WXLN and your WGSR are new loggings for me, so it was a good night, all in all.

In any event, here's what I heard. I listened from midnight to 0120; unfortunately, I'm not sufficiently familiar with '70s music to identify many song titles and artists. That, combined with the persistent interference to the signal, meant that I couldn't follow much of the program. Sorry about that, because it sounded like Ron put a great deal of thought and fun into the programming.

However, at 0010 ET I heard what sounded like a theme song from a TV program (maybe SWAT?) and at 0018 "Band on the Run" by Wings. I heard voice ID's, either canned or live, at 0034, 0046, 0107, 0111, and 0119; for example, at 0034, I heard a live ID as "1570 WGSR." I also heard a siren (at least two blasts) at 0052 and a Morse ID repeated at least twice at 0058. The voice ID's, Morse ID, and siren all cut through the interference nicely, but much of the programming didn't.

I'm located in New Brunswick, NJ, about 30 miles southeast of New York City, and my receiver is a Sony ICF-2010 with a Kiwa Pocket Loop antenna.

Steve Francis, Alcoa TN \*\*\*: Heard here with 70's rock and code IDs. Hard to follow with WXLN New Albany, Indiana on same bearing and atop nearly all the time. I could tell Ron was taking an on-air call from a guy in Finland who was picking up the test, but WGSR was totally under WXLN by then, and I couldn't hear a word of the conversation.

Pat Martin, Seaside OR: I tried here on the Oregon coast, but cx up here were poor. I have heard WGSR twice now, but I haven't caught any of Ron's tests. Thanks for running the test. I am glad some others were able to log the station.

Kevin Redding, Mesa AZ: I am more than happy with seeing testing and am amazed that a guy in Finland could hear it. No way I could hear it with 1580 KMIK 50 kW and 2.5 miles away and XERF.

Lars Bygdén, Sövar Sweden \*\*\*: Yes, the WGSR-test did it all the way across the Atlantic Ocean. I picked it up here in Sweden (Northern Europe) at times between 0015 and 0230 ELT. Not so strong but clearly readable at times. Thanks Ron for your efforts! I'll send a report.

Phil Greenspan, Marshfield MA \*\*\*: Not heard here in Marshfield, MA. Too much WNSH local and WISP. Thanks for the test.

Bruce Conti, Nashua NH \*\*\*: WGSR FL Fernandina Beach - 2/3 0000-0200 - Not heard. WBUG 101.1 Real Country was dominant, along with WISP EWTN programs, all over likely WNST One-On-One Sports and unID Spanish (XERF?) in tiresome WQEW Radio Disney splash.

Nigel Pimblett, Medicine Hat AB: Managed to hear the WGSR test here, though it was tough with CKMW, XERF, and a station with ESPN. Heard nothing for nearly an hour, then a couple of voice IDs and also morse code IDs just prior to 0100 EST. New one for me, thanks Ron!

Robert Foxworth: I should check in now that I am back home after a weekend trip... I heard the WGSR test in Tampa, between about 0003 and 0015 when I had to call it quits. Moderately strong on short fade-ups, sometimes inaudible in the hash with plenty of background



FL West Palm Beach	WBZT-1230	(1040 and 1230 swap formats) was WJNA, ABC AS, now talk/sports
IL Chicago Heights	WCFJ-1470	was brokered//WSBC, adds talk//WVON (1/1/01) (WCFJ will sim. "the Cliff Kelley Show" from WVON weekdays 7-10 AM)
KY Harrodsburg	WBHN-1420	was country, adds JRN classic C&W
MI Detroit	WXYZ-1270	was talk, adds sports (1/5/01), drops Rush Limbaugh
MN Shakopee	KSMN-1530	was classic hits/talk, now SS variety
MO Birch Tree	KBMV-1310	was silent, now hot AC//FM
NH Nashua	WSMN-1590	was talk, adds BNR news 6-8 AM
NM Milan	KZKL-1130	was KQEO, silent, to be JRN ranchera (1/1/01)
NY Ellenville	WELV-1370	was talk, adds JRN stds (continues sim. Of AM-drive talk with WKIP/WHUC/WCKL)
NY Elmira Heights	WEHH-1600	as silent now stds "Golden 160" (WEHH returns to air on new 1600 khz. frequency)
NY North Syracuse	WTLA-1200	was AS, adds JRN stds.
NY Oswego	WSGO-1440	was stds//WTLA, adds JRN stds//WTLA
NY Poughkeepsie	WKIP-1450	was talk, adds JRN stds
NY Utica	WTLB-1310	was AS, adds JRN stds.
TX Atlanta	KALT-1610	is new, talk/sports
CA Oakland	KABL- 960	was 45+ soft AC, now AS
CA Ventura	KVEN-1450	was nx/talk, now oldies "The Boomer"
FL Miami Springs	WAFN-1700	as sports, now SS religion
FL Tallahassee	WTAL-1450	was talk, rptd. silent
IA Des Moines	KKNO-1460	was KDMI, religion/SS AC, now Fox sports
MA Natick	WBIX-1060	was WMEX, talk, now business
MA Worcester	WCRN- 830	was religion, now AS
MN Walker	KAKK-1600	was KLLZ, classic rock//FM, now oldies
NY Utica	WRUN-1150	was country//WFRG-FM, now nx/talk//WIBX (temporary format)
NY Watertown	WTNY- 790	was talk, sports, now talk
NY Watertown	WUZZ-1410	was R&B oldies, now ESPN sports (new call letters upcoming)
OH Toledo	WDMN-1520	was black gospel, adds business
OR Lebanon	KSHO- 920	was AS, adds JRN stds.
TN Bartlett	WWGQ-1210	was talk, now WTCK sports "The Ticket"
UT Ogden	KLO -1430	was AS, adds talk
VA Lynchburg	WVGM-1320	was ESPN sports//WGMN, drops Imus
VA Roanoke	WGMN-1240	was ESPN sports, drops Imus
WI Eau Claire	WDVM-1050	was WEIO, AS, now EWTN Catholic
BC Vancouver	CKST-1040	was stds., talk, to be sports (February)
ON Oakville	CJYE-1250	was CHWO, AS, to be cont. Xtian (AS format and CHWO calls will move to 740)
CO Colorado Springs	KUBA-1300	was KTWK, AS, now JRN classic country
FL Orlando	WRMQ-1140	was SS talk, now tropical
FL Oviedo	WONQ-1030	was tropical, now romantica (tropical format moves to WRMQ-1140)
GA Augusta	WYRU-1630	was WAWX still talk/sports //WRDW-1480
IN Princeton	WRAY-1250	was country//FM, talk, now talk
ME Biddeford	WIDE-1400	was AS, now oldies
MA Westfield	WNNZ- 640	was talk, sports, now sports (uses pgming from Fox Sports, Jim Rome & Imus)
MI Detroit	WXYZ-1270	was talk, now sports

PA West Chester	WCHE-1520	was talk, adds Beethoven classical (noon-4 PM)
SC Myrtle Beach	WNMB- 900	was EZL, rptd. silent (expected back under new ownership spring 2001)
TN Bartlette	WTCK-1210	was WVGQ talk, now sports "The Ticket"
VT Springfield	WNEX-1480	was silent, now talk/religion
VA Bayside	WBVA-1450	is new, R. Disney
VA Portsmouth	WBKT-1650	was religion//WPMH, now ABC AS
VA Virginia Beach	WVAB-1550	was silent, now R. Disney
WA Toppenish	KENE-1490	was ranchera, now variety
WI Prairie Du Chien	WPRE- 980	was country//WPQC, now WWI oldies
ON Toronto	CHWO- 740	is new, AS
AL Alabaster	WQCR-1500	was WGTT, so. Gospel, now religion
AR Fort Smith	KTCS-1410	was country//KTCS-FM, now Salem so. Gospel
CA Los Angeles	KTNQ-1020	was SS talk, now SS stds//KRCD (splits from sim. evenings to air locally produced SS language sports call-in show)
FL Fort Myers	WWNZ- 740	was nx/talk, now sports//WQTM (sports format moves here exclusively by Feb., WQTM will get a new format)
KY Morehead	WCGW- 770	was s. gospel, religion, adds Salem s. gospel
LA Shreveport	KWKH-1130	was classic country, now Fox sports "The Fan"
MI Bay City	WMAX-1440	was sports, rptd silent (pending sale)
OR Portland	KDBZ- 620	was KEWS, talk, now talk/sports "Buzz"
SC Charleston	WQNT-1450	was sports, now CNN Headline nx
SC Moncks Corner	WWJK- 950	was WMCJ, black gospel, now 1 on 1 sports
TX Abilene	KLSI-1280	was KBBA, reg. Mexican, now JRN stds.
VT Bennington	WBTN-1370	was nx/classical, now variety
WI Kaukauna	WJOK-1050	was sports, now EWTN religion

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY:

CA Palm Springs	KGAM-1450	dec. to 960/960 ND
MO Branson	KOMC-1220	dec. to 470/44 ND
NY Elmira Heights	WEHH-1590	moves to 1600, inc. to 5000-D
ID Gooding	KRXR-1480	inc. to 5000-D
MO Liberty	KCXL-1140	adds 5-N, ND
NC Fairview	WZTY- 880	inc. to 5000-D, ND
CA Hollister	KMPG-1520	dec. to 3500-D, DA
UT Ogden	KLO -1430	inc. to 10000-D, DA-2

FACILITY & PARAMETER APPLICATIONS:

AL Alabaster	WGTT-1500	inc. to 2300-D
OH Marietta	WYLI- 910	dec. to 40-N, DA-D
BC Vernon	CJIB- 940	move to 107.5 FM

FACILITY & PARAMETER GRANTS:

TN Franklin	WAKM- 950	inc. to 5000-D, ND
BC Hope	CKGO-1400	move to 100.5 FM
PQ Laac-Megantic	CKFL-1400	move to 106.7 FM
MO Mexico	KXEO-1340	dec. to 960/960 ND
PA Troy	WZFN-1310	inc. to 1000-D
VA Alexandria	WBZS- 730	inc. to 8000-D, ND
WI Stevens Point	WSPT-1010	inc. to 10000-D, DA-D

CALL LETTER CHANGES:

FL Boynton Beach	WBZT-1040	requests	WJNA
FL West Palm Beach	WJNA-1230	requests	WBZT
NM Milan	KQEO-1130	requests	KZKL
MA Attleboro	WJYT-1320	becomes	WARL
MA Natick	WMEX-1060	requests	WBIX
MI Dearborn	WYUR-1310	becomes	WDX
TN Bartlett	WWGQ-1210	becomes	WTCK "The Ticket"
TN Lebanon	WKDA-1200	becomes	WDDQ
WI Eau Claire	WEIO-1050	requests	WDMV
AL Alabaster	WGTT-1500	becomes	WQCR
CA Glendale	KIEV- 870	becomes	KRLA
CO Colorado Springs	KTWK-1300	becomes	KUBL "The Bull"
FL Boynton Beach	WBZT-1040	becomes	WJNA
FL Mulberry	WPNF- 780	becomes	WPPD
FL West Palm Beach	WJNA-1230	becomes	WBZT
GA Augusta	WANX-1630	becomes	WYRU
OR Portland	KEWS- 620	becomes	KDBZ "The Buzz"
AR England	KLEC-1530	becomes	KHTE "Hot 96.5"
CO Denver	KVOD-1280	becomes	KBNO "Radio Que Bueno"
IA Des Moines	KDMI-1460	becomes	KXNO
MN Walker	KLLZ-1600	becomes	KAKK
OK Tulsa	KQLL-1430	requests	KTBS "The Buzz"
SC Moncks Corner	WMCJ- 950	becomes	WWJK "The Jock"
TX Abilene	KBBA-1280	requests	KLSI

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

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Rich Toebe of Davis, CA. adds the following:

1450 KOBO CA Yuba City 1/2 2002 noted back on with SS talk; KLIB extended ID in SS on the hour, at 2 minutes past, gave dual "1690 KSXK Roseville-Sacramento, 1450 KOBO Yuba City" ID by male in EE. So, KLIB's running a trimulcast now. KLIB noted at 2205 with Russian, but KOBO lost in the jumble; KFSL on top instead.

Dennis Gibson of Santa Barbara, CA. passes along the following

(re: KAFY-1100 Bakersfield, CA. ex-970, KZPM now on 970):

From LA Radio People: KAFY Radio

Spanish to English. A rare reversal in format changes is about to happen in Bakersfield. Travis Williams sent a story by David Drudge from the Californian indicating that when Clear Channel buys KAFY, it will likely switch to English-language. Spanish-language KAFY is the second radio station broadcasting to the area's Hispanic community that has been sold and changed to an Anglo format in recent months.

Bob Foxworth \*\*\* of Tampa, FL. passes along the following:

I heard KWKH 1130 Shreveport stunting last night around midnight with streaming multiple promos advising a change to all sports format beginning at 5 AM CST today, 26th of December, will take a feed from some Fox service every 20 minutes. LSU football games, etc.

Pat Martin of Seaside, OR. passes along the following:

Wednesday, December 20, 2000

Jazz will sign off

Sale of WNOP radio stops almost 50 years of jive

The Jazz Ark was abandoned years ago. Old Undies has passed away. And on New Year's Eve, all that jazz will end on tiny WNOP-AM

(740).

For the first time in 40 years, this jive town won't have an all-jazz station. What a shame.

In the 1970s and 1980s, WNOP-AM rocked and rolled unlike any station. It couldn't help it. The studios were inside three huge oil tanks floating on the Ohio River.

Radio Free Newport, they called it.

Free as in free spirits. Free as in few sponsors. Even then, the daytime jazz station wasn't making any money, which is why Al Vontz III has sold it to Sacred Heart Radio. A religious format starts Jan. 1, a week before America goes Jazz crazy over Ken Burns' new PBS miniseries.

For four decades, WNOP-AM marched to the beat of a different drummer - often Buddy Rich, Gene Krupa or Louie Bellson.

Jazz giants like Count Basie, Oscar Peterson, Wes Montgomery, John Coltrane, Stan Kenton and Woody Herman would stop by when playing gigs in town.

Erroll Garner, George Shearing and Rahsaan Roland Kirk and McCoy Tyner chatted with Oscar Treadwell from the old Monmouth Street storefront studio.

"Just about anybody who was anybody (in jazz) back in the '60s came on," recalls Walt Harrell, a 20-year off-and-on 'NOP veteran under the name of Bunky Tadwell, Sam Jessup and his real name.

Format began in '61

The jazz-and-comedy format was started in 1961, when Dick Pike returned to the station owned by former Campbell County Sheriff Jim Lang and his wife. They started the station in 1948.

"They said I could do anything I wanted," he says. And he did.

He hired the hippest staff in town: Leo (Old Undies) Underhill, Ray Scott, Ty Williams, Jack Clements, Dee Felice and Mr. Treadwell.

"Count Basie said there was no jazz station in the country like WNOP-AM, and he was right," Mr. Harrell says.

Word of WNOP-AM spread to Variety, Billboard, Downbeat, Broadcasting and Cashbox magazines. If only the station had done as well in local listeners' ratings diaries.

"In '61 and '62, we probably had the highest ratings. We were in the one's, instead of a fraction," Mr. Pike says. "It never made money, to my knowledge."

But WNOP made people tap their toes, and laugh out loud.

The "bubble machine," a dilapidated tape player, was loaded with one-liners from comedy albums by Jonathan Winters, Shelly Berman, Hudson & Landry, Lenny Bruce and others.

Andy Griffith's "Buddy, have a drink!" could slip onto the airwaves any time - after songs, during newscasts, or in the middle of commercials for the Cabooze liquor store. Mr. Berman was so grateful to WNOP-AM for promoting his comedy records that he recorded about a dozen station identification announcements explaining what the call letters stood for:

- \* Where Nonsense Occasionally Prevails.
- \* We Never Offend Porcupines.
- \* Who Needs Our Problems?

Budget "cruise"

In 1972, jazz lover Al Vontz II of Heidelberg Distributing bought the 1,000-watt daytime station. When his Newport landlord tripled the rent, he moved the station into a trio of oil drums next to the Central Bridge.

"At that time you had to broadcast in the city of license, so my father said, "I'll get as far away from the city as I can," " says



Al Vontz III, his son and CEO of Heidelberg.

WNOP-AM was a Tristate watermark for 16 years, until they gave up the ship in 1989.

Max Warner, Bob Nave, Chris Wagner and Val Coleman played records inside the Ark on spring-mounted turntables with weighted (4 grams) arms. The bouncing waves weren't a problem, but "you could wear the grooves out pretty quick in a record if you played it a lot," says Mr. Nave, who hosts The Bop Connection 5-6 p.m. Sundays on WVXU-FM (91.7).

When runaway barges careened down the Ohio River, Mr. Nave and Ray Scott did play-by-play. When the river froze in 1977, Mr. Harrell described the hundreds of people (and several motorists) crossing the river.

You never knew who would wander in. Local filmmaker Bob Gerding once walked in with his client, WKRP in Cincinnati creator Hugh Wilson. Mr. Harrell recalls the TV producer saying, "If I had seen this place first, this is where we would have put WKRP!"

Few, but loyal, listeners

In the past two decades, WNOP-AM bounced through several locations before moving into the "Jazz Mansion" at 2516 Spring Grove Ave., Camp Washington. Loyal listeners endured a variety of changes as Mr. Vontz searched for profitable programming. Geoff Nimmo introduced fusion music in 1984. After the Gulf War, the station switched to CNN Headline News.

"We were trying to cut our losses," Mr. Vontz says. "Frankly, I couldn't listen to five minutes of that (CNN) myself."

He brought back the jazz, but it could never attract a big audience. WNOP-AM seldom had enough listeners to make the quarterly Arbitron ratings.

"We knew, because of WNOP-AM, that some artists sold more jazz music in Cincinnati than what they did in other cities," Mr. Vontz laments. "It was very frustrating. We put it (selling) off for as long as we could."

FM no guarantee

Mr. Pike says he urged the Langs in the 1960s to get an FM signal, which has better quality for music. Since 1954, the Langs had owned the license for a Newport TV station to be called WNOP-TV (Channel 74). Long after they sold the license, it was finally built as WXIX-TV (Channel 19) in 1968.

But being on FM would be no guarantee of success. Xavier's WVXU-FM canceled its jazz shows in 1998 due to lack of financial support. Owners of WVAE-FM ("The Wave") dropped "smooth jazz" in 1999 for "jamm'n' oldies."

"I don't understand it. There are nice jazz stations in Cleveland and Columbus. Why can't we have one here?" asks jazz fan Pat Scharf of Western Hills.

"WNOP-AM is truly a treasure that we're losing," says Dr. Joseph Hamad, a Kenwood physician who plays the station in his office.

Stopping the music

In recent years, WNOP-AM returned to its roots as "Real Jazz 740" under General Manager Mark Stevens, a Green Township kid who liked to hang out at old 'NOP in the early 1960s.

Mr. Stevens expanded WNOP-AM to 24-hours in 1998, though the 37-watt night signal barely reaches I-275. He tried to buy the station this fall when he heard Mr. Vontz was selling. More than 2,000 people signed petitions to keep the jazz station.

"For a station that nobody ever listened to, or ever heard of, we did OK," says Mr. Stevens, who is organizing a Dec. 27 wake for jazz fans at the 20th Century in Oakley.

Mr. Stevens is exploring resurrecting WNOP-AM on the Internet or on another station. "A broker is actively looking for a frequency for us," he says.

For now, they stop the music on New Year's Eve. ("Buddy, have a drink!")

"I understand that Mr. Vontz is doing this, not because he wants to, but for economic and business reasons he had to do it," Mr. Nave says. "But I feel like I did when we lost the Albee Theatre. We're losing an institution, a landmark."

And all that jazz.

Pat Martin of Seaside, OR. sends along the following:

A bit of sad news, the old KGW -620 towers in Portland OR were knocked down today (12/26/00-ye ed.) to make room for wet lands. The 600 foot towers had been there in North Portland near the Columbia River since the 30s. Recently the station KEMS (Was KGW) co-located with KEX their sister station in SE Portland.

Sheldon Harvey \*\*\* of Greenfield Park, Quebec sends along the following:

Just DXing at sunset and heard on 1600 kHz at 4:35 PM Eastern (2135 UTC) (12/26/00-ye ed.) a somewhat slurred ID tape for "The New WKKK-Wheeling, West Virginia. Came up clear out of the pile-up, then either buried, or went off. (This is ex-silent, ex-WOJZ per latest M Street-ye ed.)

Blake Lawrence \*\*\* of Washington, DC. passes along the following:

From the Radio & Records website (www.ronline.com):

WAFN/Miami, New Year, New Format: The station is slated to drop its affiliation with the Fox Sports Radio Network on Monday (1/1/01-ye ed.) and flip to a Spanish Religious format. WAFN is on the expanded band at 1700 AM.

Brock Whaley \*\*\* of Decatur, GA. adds the following:

The trade magazine Radio & Records reports that WAFN 1700 Miami, will drop the English sports format on Monday, and flip to a Spanish Religious format.

Russ Edmunds \*\*\* of Blue Bell, PA. passes along the following:

From DCRTV.com:

"1480 AM, WPWC in Dumfries VA came back to life on 12/28 after almost a year off the air. The station has been heard airing a rather undermodulated relay of the Korean programming carried on Multicultural's 1460, WKDV in Manassas. WPWC used to program traditional country and we'd heard it was purchased by JMK Communications which also has reportedly purchased 1520 AM, WTRI in Brunswick MD. Korean programming was forecast for both 1480 and 1520, but the latter aired Spanish religious programming last summer and is now mainly dark, returning to the airwaves every few days with videogame-ish music.... "

Dennis Gibson of Santa Barbara, CA. passes along the following:

KVEN-1450 Ventura, CA has made the rumored switch from news/talk to oldies. Their slogan is "The Boomer"; one of the worst I have heard in some time. The whole thing is really hokey; the bumpers and the sound quality are dreadful. The latter was expected. I imagine the champagne was flowing last night at KVTA-1520, which now has news/talk in Ventura County all to themselves. Most of the KVTA staff worked at KVEN until about a year ago: there was a mass resignation that caught management totally off guard. KVEN never recovered.

Tony King \*\*\* of Wairarapa, New Zealand passes along the following:

1640 WSYD Mt Airy NC is on. Heard it Saturday night (12/31/00-ye ed.) on the Superadio III + twin 100m radials.

Dennis Gibson of Santa Barbara, CA. passes along the following:

On Saturday (12/31/00-ye ed.) we went to Novato. Instead of going through SF, we went up through the East Bay. I haven't been up that way in at least 25 years, and I wasn't interested in antenna sites then. I saw the following (I wasn't sure which ones were who at the time):

KFRC/KVTO duplex site right next to the freeway in Berkeley (very impressive; taller than a quarter wave on 610) KNEW 2 tower array in Albany KABL, KIQI, and KMKY 3 tower arrays on approach to Bay Bridge KFAK 4 tower array in Hayward

Jim Hilliker of Pacific Grove, CA. passes along the following:

Here's one for the books! I just found out that on Monday 1/1 that 870-AM KIEV will change call to KRLA! What do you think of that?

I can't believe it...From one old call to another...what's next?? Will 640 KFI swap calls with 1070 KNX someday??? I hope not!

David Gordon of San Jose, CA. adds the following:

(from laradio.com):

KRLA Lives On. KIEV will enter the new millennium with new call letters reflecting the station's recently transformed image. Effective Monday, January 1, 2001, KIEV will officially be known as News Talk 870, The New KRLA, Your Legendary Talk Station. "KRLA is one of the most recognizable radio brands in the Los Angeles market," stated KRLA gm Dave Armstrong. "When these legendary call letters became available, we couldn't see them going outside of Los Angeles. It seemed the right time to make an effective change." There will be no on-air changes.

Dennis Gibson of Santa Barbara, CA. adds the following:

I'd heard a rumor that the call had been reserved by an LA AM station, but I never gave much thought as to who it might be. In news from my home area, on January 1 KVEN-1450 will flip from news/talk to oldies. The switch was originally to have been on Christmas day, but it didn't happen. I imagine the folks over at KVTA-1520 will be in full party mode tomorrow night.

Pat Martin of Seaside, OR. sends along the following:

KJR is now moved to the Tacoma site with 50KW.

Albert Lehr of Livermore, CA. passes along the following:

930 KKKX CA, Paradise is now dividing their time between religion and ESPN. Heard 1/4 1601 PST with ID as "The North Valley's ESPN Radio 930." No call letters or city given. Checked them 1/5 1256 and they were concluding a religion program. IDed at 1300: "ESPN Radio AM 930 KKKX, Paradise," then into ESPN sports, with promos for ESPN programs between 1300 and 1900 PST. They may continue beyond 1900, though.

Bill Dvorak \*\*\* of Madison, WI. sends along the following:

The Des Moines IA station on 1460 has a new format, call and apparently new ownership. REL station KDMI is now sportstalk, Fox Sports Network, with calls KKNO. The "X-N-O" according to promos designates "X's and O's." Local news headlines at :58 are from the WHO newsroom, suggesting that WHO and KKNO are sister stations. It also appears that KKNO, unlike its predecessor, is 24 hours. This information comes from monitoring this station twice on Thursday 1/4, once just before 0500 and once around 1700 CST. Thanks to John Rieger and Tim Noonan for posting information that this change was coming.

Rich Toebe of Davis, CA. sends along the following:

The front page of the Jan. 2, 2001 Sacramento Bee has an article about KTNB in Window Rock, AZ. You can read it on the web at: [http://www.sacbee.com/news/news/local02\\_20010102.html](http://www.sacbee.com/news/news/local02_20010102.html)

Pete Kemp \*\*\* (location unknown) sends along the following:

ART BELL BACK ON AIR FEB. 5, 2001

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5, 2001 Art Bell, the radio personality famous for his spontaneous and compelling conversations about all things unexplained, has announced his return to radio. Bell resumes his reign as host of the most listened to live overnight radio program, Coast to Coast AM on Feb. 5 from 1am to 6am ET. Bell states, "The negotiation was brutal and bloody! The results, fewer commercials and back to five hours." Bell resigned last April because of family and legal issues that required his full attention. These have been resolved.

His passion for radio and his audience has propelled him back with a renewed commitment to the unique show he created in 1993. Coast to Coast AM airs on more than 430 stations nationwide. "I am ecstatic to welcome Art Bell back to his program," said Kraig T. Kitchin, president/COO of Premiere Radio Networks. "It was a bloody negotiation - pulling someone out of retirement always is. I am wildly enthusiastic to bring the news to affiliates and listeners nationwide. Imagine their reaction! I also want to add my thanks to Mike Siegel." Premiere Radio Networks, Inc., a subsidiary of Clear Channel Communications (NYSE:CCU), syndicates more than 60 radio programs to more than 7,800 radio affiliations and reaches over 180 million listeners weekly. Premiere is the number one radio network in the country and features the following personalities: Rush Limbaugh, Dr. Laura Schlessinger, Jim Rome, Rick Dees, Casey Kasem, Dr. Dean Edell, Bob (Kevoian) & Tom (Griswold), Phil Hendrie, Leeza Gibbons, Michael Reagan, Dave Koz, Blair Garner, Lionel, and others. Premiere is based in Sherman Oaks, Calif., with eleven offices nationwide.

Pat Martin of Seaside, OR. sends along the following:

KAVT-1680 (Fresno, CA.-ye ed.) should be on by next week according to Paul Shinn, their CE. He had some parts needed to get them on (letter sent 1/3/01-ye ed.)

(Pat sends an update 1/10): According to Paul Shinn, KAVT 1680 is due on this week. He is working on the tuning unit, probably as we speak.

Mike Brooker of Toronto, ON. sends along the following:

CHWO began regular programs on 740 today (1/8/01-ye ed), as scheduled. Official s/on was at 0740 EST, with a speech by CHWO's president/CEO Michael Caine: "the switch I have just thrown marks end and a beginning...today we launch a radio station like no other on the AM or FM dial..." They're running //1250 for today and probably for a few more months. The REL format CUYE on 1250 isn't happening just yet. Where's the promo campaign? Here in Toronto I have not yet seen a single outdoor ad, bus shelter, subway or transit vehicle ad, or print media ad for "Prime Time 740". Unless you're a DXer or a regular CHWO-1250 listener, you wouldn't even know that there is a new station in this market. You might discover them by accident, if you've been living under a rock for the past 2 years and are still looking for CBL on 740.

Pat Martin of Seaside, OR. sends along the following:

I spoke with the CE at KEWS (620 Portland, OR. -ye ed.) yesterday (1/9/01-ye ed.) and found out that 620 is indeed operating from the KEX site, but they are 5/1 KW ND. They did not want to go to the

work to set up the directional pattern for 620 at night, as they want to boost power to 50/20 KW. However, the FCC has turned them down. So they stay 5/1 for the time being. Also KFFX-910 is still 5 KW. The 10 KW power boost is about 4 months away. No word on KVAN's power boost as yet.

Ye editor passes along the following:

KZPM-970 Bakersfield, CA. has apparently changed format, they were 88, but heard on Tuesday 1/9 simulcasting "Cool Oldies 105.3" KKDJ-FM Delano, CA. I called station on Wednesday 1/10 (Clear Channel Communications), they knew absolutely nothing about it! So this remains a mystery... but heard ads for Bakersfield businesses so had to be KZPM (or what-ever they are now if they changed call letters!)

Pat Martin of Seaside, OR. sends along the following:

I tuned in after 0300 EST (0800 UTC) 1/24 and found 970 Portland playing 50s/60s old rock. "Crusin' Oldies AM 970" so far the ID. I'll have to wait until TOH for an ID. Checked their FM KUPL-98.7 and they are still C&W, so probably a call change on 970.

Pete Kemp \*\*\* (location unknown) passes along the following:

The following was posted by DalePatterson on the New York Radio Board. Pete, KZ1Z

"It was confirmed today that CHUM-AM will end music programming in April for an all-sports format.

This will end nearly 44 years of music programming at Canada's first full-time Top 40 station.

CHUM has dismissed its afternoon host, Russ McCloud (even though he's still on the web site). The only time CHUM has a live jock now is from 6-9 a.m.

Apparently CHUM plans a huge goodbye with on-air visits from former personalities during the last two weeks.

Truly the end of an era, 19 years after WABC's great Musicradio era came to an end.

Pat Martin of Seaside, OR. sends along the following:

I tuned in this afternoon to find 1230 playing Old Rock. Calling themselves "The New 1230, The KITE. Don't know if the call letters have changed, but they were C&W last night, now OLD. Today also the new FM licensed to Ilwaco WA came on and they are C&W. Apparently running the old KVAS format.

1230 KKEE OR, Astoria, ID at TOH 'KKEE Astoria The New Kyte" At 2259.50 EST 1/21.

103.9 KVAS WA, Ilwaco, Long Beach, Astoria" at 2358 EST 1/21.

So KVAS went to 103.9 (C&W) and the Oldies format on 94.3 went to 1230. At the moment 94.3 is silent, so I don't know what they will do with that as yet.

Bruce Portzer of Seattle, WA. sends along the following:

KBLE-1050 is back on the air after a couple months of silence. They now carry the Catholic Radio Network EWTN, IDing as "Catholic Radio for the Pacific Northwest". First noted back on at 2330 1/18, probably 24 hrs now as they were on when I checked at 4am local time the next day (they used to be 0600-2400 LT).

Eric Floden \*\*\* (location unknown) sends along the following:

CKUA (AM 580 Edmonton, and about 20 FMs around Alberta) has applied for 24-hr broadcasting, citing two reasons:

- 1) their world wide internet audience is in various time zones and 24 hour broadcasting makes much more sense
- 2) this would give them a 'training' slot for on-air talent

For anyone not familiar with CKUA (aka Access), they are my favorite source of new music (folk, jazz, pop.)

Jan Edh \*\*\* of Hudiksvall, Sweden passes along the following:

CFLP, Rimouski, PQ is no more on AM 1000, but turned FM (102.9). Jean Fournier, Chief Engineer, tells in a letter that he switched the MW-transmitter off on December 31st., 2000. Jean Fournier also gives a meagre future to us MW-fans: In five years from now 95 percent of the MW-stations in North America (especially Canada) have left the AM-band and turned to FM only.

Robert Foxworth \*\*\* (location unknown) passes along the following:

Today Thu. Rush is saying that WDAK-540 Columbus GA will pick up Rush from an unID present affiliate, and in Orlando, will leave WDBO-580 and move to 540, now sports, 540 will drop sports, become WWNZ. This is the same issue as in Omaha, the Clear Channel stations are asserting rights to carry Rush from non-CCU affiliates.

Mike Stonebridge \*\*\* of St. Isidore, AB. passes along the following:

CJXX-93.1-Grande Prairie has started to give on air announcements that they will terminate their AM 840 transmission on January 31. This will be 3 months since their new FM transmitter went on the air full time.

Pat Martin of Seaside, OR. sends along the following:

620 KBDZ OR, PORTLAND is now "The Buzz", Their format now includes Fox Sports and now "Macho" type talk (ugh). Noted at 1700 EST with ID, into for Fox Sports 1/16. (PM-OR) (M Street reports them as KDBZ-ye ed.)

KBDZ (KDBZ-ye ed.) runs 5/1 KW ND now. They had an app for 50/20 KW on 620, but was turned down by the FCC.

Eric Floden \*\*\* (location unknown) passes along the following:

thanks to a tip from ex-DXer Jon Pearkins: CKLG-730 Vancouver will become CJNW soon (February?). It will be news or news/talk. It's part of the Corus network and the call is obviously to connect it with sister station CKNW-980.

If my memory serves me, the LG of CKLG was Lions Gate, a reference to the bridge that connects Vancouver with the north shore & North Vancouver (where LG was originally licenced). (Also the NW in CKNW similarly refers to original city of licence, New Westminster.)

Pat Martin of Seaside, OR. passes along the following:

1040, CKST Vancouver has a CP to move to FM also, so they may move the Sports talk to FM in time. Too bad about both changes as CKST is a good AS and LG-73 has always been a good Top 40 type station.

Mike Brooker of Toronto, ON. passes along the following:

CFYI-640 could be going back to their C&W roots (née CFGM-1310/1320/640)! At least it's a pre-emptive strike to grab the domain name.

Pat Martin of Seaside, OR. sends along the following:

KAVT is on the air on 1680 Khz tonight running rather low modulation, Radio Disney. Per an e mail from the CE, they will be at 1 KW for a while until they get the diplexing and 10 KW in place. (They're still on air 1/24/01 with low distorted modulation-ye ed.)

Nigel Pimblett of Medicine Hat, AB. sends along the following:

Another Canadian MW station is gone. While checking tonight I noted that CJOC Lethbridge, 1220 khz, has left off the air, after running parallel with their new FM for a bit less than 3 months.

Good news for me, as it was a semi-local, but one less DX target for those further afield.

Eric Bueneman of St. Louis, MO. passes along the following:

All Access Radio (<http://www.allaccessradio.com/>) reports that KCEE-940 Tucson, AZ is swapping places with KGMS-97.1 Green Valley, AZ. KGMS will move it's Christian format to 940 kHz, while KCEE takes it's Adult

Standards format to 97.1 MHz. Moving formats between AM and FM stations is nothing new; back in the 1980s, a number of CHR stations went over to FM frequencies from AM (the case that sticks out in my mind was the KSLY/KUNA swap in San Luis Obispo, CA in 1983-84, when KUNA relocated it's Easy Listening format to 1400 kHz from 96.1 MHz, while KSLY moved it's CHR format from 1400 to 96.1).

Kevin Redding of Mesa, AZ. sends along the following:

was listening to some interference in the form of a jammer believe it or not on 1140 here in Phoenix.

I decided to call my old buddy, the moderator of the AMFMTVDX list, Rick Lewis and we were listening and trying to triangulate the jammer to no avail when "1140 Cruisin Oldies" from Las Vegas got run over by Dr. Laura. This was an unusual situation for us so we kept chatting on the phone as it was 3 minutes to the bottom of the hour at 1727. We could only think of Vegas "Cruisin Oldies" and the NOS from Palm Springs, CA and the only other one that came to mind with Dr. Laura was WRVA and we weren't hearing them.

An ID came up and it was KCLB 970 // to KCMJ 1140. Looks like they may have changed from NOS to talk and if anyone nearer can verify, I would greatly appreciate it.

Now that's a long column! Super Bowl weekend just around the corner! Darn, the Raiders aren't in there. Oh, well. Everyone have a happy upcoming Groundhog Day, too! 73's.

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NEW	CITY AND STATE	FREQUENCY	FORMER
CALL			CALL
WRJR	CLAREMONT, VA	670	WERP
WDYZ	ORLANDO, FL	990	WROO
(FCC lists this as PENDING altho station is using this new call)			
WHMQ	GREENFIELD, MA	1240	WEAI
WJMR	FORT CAMPBELL, KY	1370	WABD

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CALL SIGN CHANGES

NEW CALL	CITY AND STATE	FREQUENCY *	FORMER CALL
KAZT	REDDING, CA	600	KNRO
KBDZ	PORTLAND, OR	620	KEWS
WJAW	ST. MARYS, WV	630	WVVW
CJNW	VANCOUVER, BC	730	CKLG
WVHU	HUNTINGTON, WV	800	WKEE
KRLA	GLENDALE, CA	870	KIEV
KGMS	TUCSON, AZ	940	KCEE
WWJK	MONKS CORNER, SC	950	WMCJ
KNWZ	COACHELA, CA	970	KCLB
KCMJ	THOUSAND PALMS, CA	1010	KNWZ
KNWQ	PALM SPRINGS, CA	1140	KCMJ
WYLL	CHICAGO, IL	1160	WXRT
KKEE	ASTORIA, OR	1230	KVAS
WSPL	STREATOR, IL	1250	WIZZ
KBNO	DENVER, CO	1280	KVOD
KSLI	ABILENE, TX	1280	KBBA *
KTBS	TULSA, OK	1430	KQLL
KXNO	DES MOINES, IA	1460	KDMI
WDEN	MACON, GA	1500	WAYS
KSQB	SIOUX FALLS, SD	1520	KSFS
KHTE	ENGLAND, AR	1530	KLEC
KAKK	WALKER, MN	1600	KLLZ
KNRO	REDDING, CA	1670	KAZT

M STREET IS LISTING THIS AS "KLSI" WHILE THE FCC LISTS IT AS "KSLI"  
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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1230 KKEE OR, Astoria 1/21 2259:50 ID at top of the hour "KKEE Astoria, The New Kyte." (PM-OR)  
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- 690 KOAQ NE, Terrytown was weak but topped everything else at 1000 on 1/22 with ID as "Good time oldies, KOAQ Terrytown-Scottsbluff." AP Network News followed. (LG-MT)
- KRCO OR, Prineville 1/25 1928 had a good signal on the car radio with promo for high school basketball on KRCO. (LG-MT)
- 710 WAQI FL, Miami ran a local commercial at 2259 on 1/17, ID'd as "Radio Mambi La Grande," then went into news. Always a thrill to hear. (LG-MT)
- 860 ?WVMP? AZ, Phoenix was likely the very weak station at 1000 on 1/16 with a stronger station ( I think KTRB) looped. I heard ESPN Radio mentioned at top of the hour. Other Arizona stations were particularly strong. (LG-MT)
- 870 KLSQ NV, Las Vegas 1/21 2300 CLA/EZL Mexican music. Talks about "Requerdos" in its slogan. New. (KR-AZ)
- 970 KFTA ID, Rupert was strong at 0759 on 1/16 in Spanish with call ID in English. Announcer mentioned Pocatello. (LG-MT)
- 980 KINS CA, Eureka 1/24 1932-1942 atop with local-regional news & numerous call ID's. Usually dominates. (DKK-CA)
- KSVC UT, Richfield 1/24 1920-1930 well atop with ID 1929 carrying Utah news items. Rare at sunset. (DKK-CA)
- 1060 KKDS UT, South Salt Lake City extremely strong at 0757 on 1/26 with NOS music, ID, and slogan "The only station that plays our music." Probably was running 10kw day power. (LG-MT)
- 1070 KHMO MO, Hannibal 1/19 1917 "...checking weather at AM 1070 KHMO...", ad for a business in Quincy, then back to girls HS basketball. (NP-AB)
- 1140 KSOO SD, Sioux Falls 1/24 0758 with local news. (LG-MT)
- 1150 KSAL KS, Salina 1/19 1923 "Your sports authority is Sports Radio 1150 KSAL," back to commentary from the Salina Invitational Basketball Tournament. (NP-AB)
- 1210 KZTS WA, Sunnyside 1/19 2059 ID in English "KZTS Sunnyside-Yakima." Atop KBBR with Mexican music program. (DKK-CA)
- 1220 KBZS CA, Palo Alto quite strong on car radio 1/24 & 1/25 from 1930-1945 with money talk program and traffic reports for the North Bay area. I heard one caller from San Jose on toll-free line 888-454-1220. ID'd simply as "Business Radio 1220." (LG-MT)
- +1/25 2006 presumed with ad for a California wine, then "Welcome to Stock Talk on Business Talk Radio." (NP-AB)
- KLVZ CO, Denver 1/20 2355 oldies music from the 50's & 60's. Network ID at 000 as the "Hubcap Radio Network" with list of 5 stations, including KLVZ. New for me. (NP-AB)
- WEZU MN, Stillwater 1/21 1742 NOS tunes, ID "...this is AM 12-20 WEZU, the radio station making memories." (NP-AB)
- KDDR ND, Oakes 1/19 1937 ad for satellite TV, ad for Carrington business, several "Dakota Country" slogan ID's. (NP-AB)
- +Was quite weak but readable at 0800 on 1/24 with ID's for three station, including KDDR. Still in at 0859 with mention of Dakota News Network. (LG-MT)
- KCCS OR, Salem had fair signal on car radio at 1928 on 1/24 with legal ID, then music program. KBZS was stronger. Also surely the one at 1945 on 1/23 when a woman gave a

phone number with 503 area code. (LG-MT)  
 +1/25 2030 ID as "12-20 KCCS," into Christian music.  
 (NP-AB)

CJRB MB, Boissevain 1/21 1859 end of religious program, ID as  
 "CJRB Radio 12-20." (NP-AB)  
 +Quite weak with call ID at 0800 on 1/23. I don't hear  
 this one often. (LG-MT)

CJRL ON, Kenora 1/20 0125 CJRL weather by a woman, then into  
 AdCon music. After hearing this once in 20 years, I've  
 heard it several times since CJOC went off. (NP-AB)

CHSC ON, St. Catherines 1/21 2243 Van Morrison song, promos  
 for programs giving call letters several times, ad for  
 St. Catherines business on King Street, then lost to  
 CJRL and KDDR. New one for me. (NP-AB)

1270 KPLY NV, Sparks-Reno 1/25 1950 noted carrying "Tom Leykis"  
 with much hype (as if this were a good thing). They had  
 been all sports format. Checked 5-6 hours later and  
 carrying sports show so perhaps just an anomaly?!?  
 (DKK-CA)

1280 KDOX NV, Henderson 1/22 1947 with call ID after song in  
 Spanish. Was in/out thru QRM 1940-2000. Format is  
 Spanish. (DKK-CA)

1290 KKDD CA, San Bernardino 1/24 0324 with local ID during Radio  
 Disney break, even with KPAY at the time. Has been  
 strong this past several days. (DKK-CA)

1360 KTOF IA, Cedar Rapids 1/21 1800 dual ID for KWOE/KTOF snuck  
 through during a few seconds of silence on KKBJ. New  
 catch here. (NP-AB)

KKBJ MN, Bemidji 1/21 1757 series of local ads, then ID "AM  
 1360 KKBJ Bemidji" and into CNN news. (NP-AB)

1450 KHIT NV, Reno 1/22 0300 with ID atop KEST after ESPN sports.  
 (DKK-CA)

KFLS OR, Klamath Falls 1/24 0205 atop frequency with ID then  
 oldies rock tune. Stayed atop for awhile. (DKK-CA)

1520 KKSN OR, Oregon City 1/19 0230-0320 looped in thru KVTA/KOMA  
 with adult standards format. 0253 spot for Portland  
 Center For Performing Arts. ID 0320. (DKK-CA)

1530 ?KHYP? CA, Moreno Valley 1/22 1043 suspected fair in KFBK null  
 with female preacher, faded out by 1050. (RW-CA)

WSAI OH, Cincinnati 1/21 1851 dominating the channel with  
 promo for a 1530 WSAI trip to New York. (NP-AB)

1560 WQEW NY, New York 1/21 1856 Radio Disney countdown program,  
 ID "WQEW New York City, Radio Disney." (NP-AB)

1600 KRVA TX, Cockrell 1/23 2000 top of hour with ID. Was  
 expecting KKEW and was surprised with this. The station  
 was booming in and shortly after the ID the power  
 dropped and they disappeared. (KR-AZ)

1610 KALT TX, Atlanta 1/18 0600-0700 very weak with sports. Must  
 be using low power. (GJ-CA)

1630 KCJJ IA, Iowa City 1/7 0200 coming in poor, "KCJJ" ID. (CM-CA)

1670 KAZT CA, Redding address for KAZT in NRC Log is wrong.  
 Correct address is 360 Alta Mesa Drive, Redding, CA  
 06002. (GJ-CA)

1680 KAVT CA, Fresno 1/20 0435 noted on ET with Radio Disney  
 format. First time heard here, signal rather poor  
 considering close proximity. Not heard since. (DKK-CA)  
 +1/22 1004 fair signal but horribly under modulated on  
 carrier. Radio Disney sounded like it was being  
 transmitted through a pipe and everyone was whispering,  
 signal also somewhat distorted. Brittany Spears song  
 "Lucky," then promo for Radio Disney's "ESPN Sports for  
 Kids," slogan "Radio Disney, we're all ears!" Easily

nullable on night pattern, signal much worse than 1690  
Sacto! Even 1670 Redding is better here days! New.  
(RW-CA)

DX TEST

- 710 (KNUS) CO, Denver 1/7 0200-0300 tried for but not heard. (CM-CA)
- 990 KRKS CO, Denver 1/7 0200-0300 heard Morse code coming in poor. (CM-CA)
- 1560 \*WAGL\* SC, Lancaster 1/20 0130 good under Bakersfield with DX test, march music. (PM-OR)  
+1/20 heard code ID at 0140 under Bakersfield. (FA-ID)
- 1650 KBJD CO, Denver 1/7 0200-0300 heard Morse code, also heard tones, coming in very good. New. (CM-CA)
- 1680 KAVT CA, Fresno 1/23 0615 on air with Radio Disney. Signal very weak and almost inaudible. Not like when C.E. was testing on 10/28. Then S-40+ and now barely S-9. (GJ-CA)

UNIDS

- 1190 1/24 0300-0400+ English station under KEX, up well at times but not at the top of the hour. Format was tele-talk. Spanish noted under KEX 1/26 0100-0200. (DKK-CA)
- 1200 1/22-23-24 0100-0400 noted station with C&W music, no ID's, including top of the hour, and fair signal. Assume this is KOQI in Soquel. Wonder if he'll ever ID? No announcements between songs just dead air. (DKK-CA)
- 1220 Station here 1/20 0515 with AdCon format, non-stop music, "New music with a hit bound sound on AM 12-20." Ideas anyone? Kenora, ON? CJOC gone to FM. (PM-OR)
- 1220 C&W station here under/over AdCon station at 0520 1/20. No ID heard. Oakes, ND? (PM-OR)
- 1220 1/21 0225 Black Gospel station here with shouting preacher with choir in background. Some KVAS splatter, some lost. Three stations listed, AL, MS and NC. (PM-OR)
- 1220 1/21 0232 oldies rock station (presumed) with Beatles song "A Little Help From My Friends." Maybe CO? (PM-OR)
- 1220 1/21 0233 country station traded places with oldies with female singer. ND? (PM-OR)

It appears that many people are DX'ing 1220 with CJOC now gone. I know I have been!  
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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 660 KZTU OR, Junction City I tuned in at 1415 1/29 and found KZTU with newstalk // newstalk 860 (KPAM). Palphlin is indeed starting his news talk net across the NW. He also owns KVAN-1550 (also newstalk) but not // to 860 or 660. (PM-OR) (I hrd this too - pb!!)

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- 950 KTBR OR, Roseburg 1/29 0158-0207 even with KJR at times with calls, CNN news, promo, health vignette and "Coast to Coast." Obviously very much wanted before KJR's power boost. (PT-WA)
  - 1220 CHBC ON, St. Catherines 1/29 ID out of song "12-20 CHSC." I haven't heard this since the early 70's. They used to be QRM when KOFO Ottawa, KS used to test with 250w back in those days. CJOC was off be midnight I think, leaving the channel open. It is nice CJOC has moved to FM. (PM-OR)
  - 1450 ?KIOV? ID, Payette 1/28 0700 Tony Bennett singing "I Want to be Around" then top of the hour ID which was very hard to hear due to Murphy's law of ID'ing, then CBS news and into Neil Sedaka singing "Laughter in the Rain." Faded into the mess about 0707. (KR-AZ)

Identified

- 580 1/9 0200 William Tell Overture (not CKUA), this turned out to be the theme music under a KFXD ad. (PT-WA)
- 1240 1/17 2302 "KSTY" with mid-Eastern music; this was KSQR. "Favorita" slogan also heard. Still not sure about the music. Thank you equalizer! (PT-WA)
- 1340 1/14 2259 & 2359 "Newstalk 1340" with ABC news, Rush Limbaugh promo; appears to be KLOO Corvallis, not listed as carrying ABC news. (PT-WA)

UNIDS

- 850 1/29 0312 some music ended with KHNO looped and KOA absent but it wasn't there long enough for me to check 1270 to see if was Radio Max (KOA faded back in). (PT-WA)
- 1220 Station playing BSB's "Quit Playing Games With my Heart" at 0515 1/27, soon lost in noise, off eastern Beverage. (PM-OR)
- 1220 1/27 0535 station running "Coast to Coast" with announcer giving listener line number. Only station I can find listed is in MO, off eastern Beverage. (PM-OR)
- 1220 Quebec, Canada? Presume one of the French CHR stations under/over CHSC at 0604 1/30 with male talk in French. Lots of QRM from CHBC. (PM-OR)

Where is everyone this week? Be sure to send in a report for the March 2nd deadline, we want a large anniversary issue WDXR. If you do not live in WDXR-land, be sure to send a report to Lee or John.

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CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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Radio Shack DX-398 stock.

DOWN THE DIAL

- 1220 CJRB MB, Boissevain. 1-23. 21:59 with woman talking about hockey, man with "Radar Weather," and ID "This is community service radio CJRB Boissevain." [NJ-MT]
- KCCS OR, Salem. 1-22. 23:01 with ID by a man "Tim Martin plays the music on AM 12-20." followed by a jingle "KCCS Salem" and a time check. [NJ-MT]
- KDDR ND, Oakes. 1-21 with CJOC gone to FM. 20:00 with ID "KOVV Valley City, KDDR Oakes, KDAK Carrington, and KHND Harvey." [NJ-MT]
- 1260 KWYR SD, Winner. 1-21 fair, alone. 07:37 with old country format. Many local spots and weather. [JJR-WI]
- 1310 CIWW ON, Ottawa. 1-27 good in WIBA null. Good conditions to the north this morning. 07:09 with "Oldies 13-10" and Capital City mentions. [JJR-WI]
- 1370 KDTH IA, Dubuque. 1-21 poor, but alone. 07:52 with NOS format, station promo. [JJR-WI]
- 1440 KITA AR, Little Rock. 1-26 fair over others. 07:13 with calls and weather. [JJR-WI]
- 1460 KXNO IA, Des Moines. 1-21 poor. Semi-local WBJX running OC only. 07:34 with Fox Sports. [JJR-WI]
- 1490 WTIQ MI, Manistique. 1-26 poor in mess. 06:47 with "Crusin' 14-90 WTIQ" slogan, oldies. [JJR-WI]
- 1570 CKMW MB, Winkler. 1-19 fair, no usual WFUR. 00:00 with end of news into country music. [JJR-WI]

UNID

- 1590 unID 1-27 unID poor under WAKR and others. 07:32 with "AM 15-90 WUAB" or "WQAD." Very sure of the "W" and the "A." Stumped again. [JJR-WI]

25 YEARS AGO

January 31, 1976 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... Michael Hogan of East Chicago, IN logged 8 new stations so far in the new year ... Wayne Murphy of Louisville, KY fixed his R-390A problem. A RT510 thermistor has died ... Steve Herman of Las Vegas, NV said he was 16 and a junior in high school ... Kevin Molander of Concord, CA said he was 15.

OPEN MIKE

CJOC-1220 has moved to FM giving all of us a chance to log a few that CJOC blocked for many years. This column was typed 1-27-01. 73, John

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DOWN THE DIAL

- 710 WFNR VA, Blacksburg. 2-1 fair. 07:55 with ID, Imus. [JJR-WI]
- 960 WFIR VA, Roanoke. 2-1 poor way under WSBT. 07:47 with calls. [JJR-WI]
- 1010 WGUN GA, Atlanta. 2-1 poor, but clear and alone. 07:45 with ID, religious programming. [JJR-WI]
- 1130 KRDU CA, Dinuba. 1-27. 21:59 with promo, legal ID. [NJ-MT]

- 1150 WIMA OH, Lima. 2-2 fair, alone. 07:58 with spots, news, calls. [JJR-WI]
- 1210 KGYN OK, Guymon. 2-3 fair in WPHT null. 02:33 with jingle after sitting through five songs with no chatter or fades. [JJR-WI]
- 1320 WMSR TN, Manchester. 1-31 poor, but alone and clear. 18:10 with local spots, ID, oldies. [JJR-WI]
- 1370 WCCN WI, Neillsville. 2-2 fair. 08:33 with promo for high school sports on "Memories 13-70 WCCN." [JJR-WI]
- 1490 KTTR MO, Rolla. 1-13 poor in mess. 04:19 with calls. [JJR-WI]

25 YEARS AGO

February 7, 1976 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... Stephen Francis of Alcoa, TN said he has logged 1,920 stations in the past 5 years ... Bob Lazar of Madison, WI logged three new states with WNRI-1380 RI, WMTR-1250 NJ, and KLUC-1140 NV ... Paul R. Mount of Teaneck, NJ told about his purchase of a Space Magnet he bought from Rich Shaftan.

OPEN MIKE

A short column this week. This was typed 2-3-01. 73, John

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 EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Deadlines are 2/11, 2/18, 2/25.....Here is this weeks report.....

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 STAR OF THE WEEK (column 1)

David Hochfelder New Brunswick, NJ  
 Sony ICF-2010, KIWA loop, Pocket Loop  
 Pocket Regeneration module

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 LOGGINGS

- 550 WICE RI Pawtucket 1/10 2300-2330-under WGR Buffalo. Frequent ID's. Dr. Joy Brown talk show."550, The Buzz."
- 550 WSVA VA Harrisonburg 1/10-2300-2330-ID'd at half hour.Fighting it out with WICE with WGR nulled as best as possible.
- 820 CHAM ON Hamilton 1/11-2245-2305-ID'd at 2305. "Ontario's Best Country." Under WNYC New York.
- 820 WWLZ NY Horseheads 1/13-0145-0202-ID'd at top of hour. Tough under WNYC and CHAM.
- 1320 WATR CT Waterbury 1/21-0020-0042-oldies; ID'd as "Music of Your Life" at 0032.
- 1320 CKEC NS New Glasgow 1/21-0020-0042-local weather and ID at 0022 and 0042.
- 1320 WJAS PA Pittsburgh 1/21-0020-0042-ID'd at half hour. Oldies.
- 1410 KQV PA Pittsburgh 1/16-0000-0010-top of hour ID. Sports call-in show about Pittsburgh sports.
- 1410 WHTG NJ Eatontown 1/17-2230-ID on half hour; Jim Bohannon show.
- 1440 WAJR WV Morgantown 1/14-0025-0035. ID'd at half hour. "Sports Fan Radio Network."
- 1440 WJUL NY Niagara Falls (slowly I turned-ed) 1/14-0025-0045.ID'd at 0045. Way under WAJR.
- 1590 WAKR OH Akron 1/13-0225-0230-ID'd at half hour; dominant.
- 1620 WHLY IN South Bend 1/18-2230-2310-oldies; ID'd at half hour;

dominant.

1620 KAZP NE Bellevue 1/18-2230-2310-"Omaha's ESPN Radio." Top of hour full ID.

1620 WTAW TX College Station 1/18-2230-2310-ID'd at 2254 as "News Talk 1620 WTAW." Mike Reagan (sp?) on Ashcroft nomination.

1660 WQSN MI Kalamazoo 1/18-2300-2310-just caught ID at top of hour under WWRU Jersey City.

1670 WTDY WI Madison 1/18-2310-2329-ID'd at 2329.

1680 WJNZ MI Ada 1/19-2240-2255-rap/urban contemporary; ID'd as "1680 Jams;" under WTM Princeton.

1700 KTBK TX Sherman 1/19-2255-2310-ID'd at top of hour as "Dallas-Ft. Worth." Sports and in parallel with a station on 1310.

1700 KBGG IA Des Moines 1/21/01-0000-CNN Headline News. Mentions of Channel 4 news just before top of hour, possibly for local news/ weather. Took 4 or 5 tries over a few nights to get a positive ID at the top of the hour, although I was fairly certain from the format that this was this station.

\*\*\*\*\*UNIDEN\*\*\*\*\*

1080 ???? ?? 1/12-2230-2250-Spanish; under WTIC Hartford; frequent mentions of "Nacional."

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Thanks to David, we have a column this week. Only one more day to get your TVA and Heald award nominations to me. Will accept any emails sent prior to midnight EST 2/1/01.....

I will be leaving tomorrow to return to the our Ocala residence on a full time basis. To make a long story short, the Congressman has convinced Penny to stay through another term, and I have been afforded an opportunity to work out of Ocala rather than Dallas. Looking forward to being back with her, the house, the pets, and my own bed !!! .73 and all the best to you.....fresh 1/28 0900

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STAR OF THE WEEK (column 2)

(LF-FL) your editor Drake R-8A / HQ180A, Potomac FIM-41  
KIWA Loop, 75' l.w. N/S

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LOGGINGS

1580 KY WTKT Georgetown 2/3 0845 Presumed with adlt stnds and lots of "WSAI" IDs. "WSAI-1580" Promo for oldies FM 105.5, mentions of KY, Richmond Road. Oddly, they dont seem to be simo with 1530-WSAI, and was unable to get a TOH ID ??????????

1630 GA WYRU Augusta 2/2 1705 New exband stn in with "WRDW" IDs. Also with local sports pgm. Fair signal.

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We are now back to Florida, and am taking a couple weeks off..... Perhaps some DX time too, as I did get the receivers all hooked up and the long wire re-strung.....No email reports this week and it will take a week or so for the mail to catch up to me.....See you all next week.....73 and all the best.....fresh 2/5 0900

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DX WORLDWIDE WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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A short one this week with only a few tips, so away we go.

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

870t MEXICO, Mazatlan, Sin. XEFIL, 1/22 0600 coming up only with a slogan at TOH underneath QRM and KLSQ. New. (KR-AZ)

QSLs

153 NORWAY, Ingoy, National P-1 programme, NRK QSL card showing their transmitter tower in 37d for taped report and 1 IRCs. Signed by Bernt Erfjord, NRK/DX Listeners Club, PO Box 7080, Vestheiene, N-4674 Kristiansand, Norway. (MS-AB) (Good QSL, Mike. PM)

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DXing with Realistic DX-440 and RS-15-1833 loop

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[Connelly\*B-MA] = Billerica, MA (GC= 71.221 W / 42.533 N) (home)

Receiver: Drake R8A

Antenna system: broadband loop phased against 30 m sloper with Superphaser-1 phasing unit

\*\*\* TRANS-ATLANTIC DX \*\*\*

- 567 IRELAND RTE R.1, Tullamore, FEB 5 0413 - man & woman in English talking about Radio One programming; fair. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN RNE R.1 synchros, Santa Cruz de Tenerife et al., FEB 5 0406 - woman in Spanish, followed by soft jazz; fair to good. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 711.05 WESTERN SAHARA RTM, Laayoune, FEB 5 0403 - man in Arabic with news; fair. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 864 FRANCE France Bleu, Paris, FEB 5 0400 - // 1206 with woman in French; poor to fair. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 891 ALGERIA Chaine 1, Algiers, FEB 4 2353 - Arabic female vocal with strings; fair in WBPS slop. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 945 FRANCE France Bleu, Toulouse, FEB 4 2351 - // 1377 with piano music; poor. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 999 SPAIN COPE, Madrid, FEB 5 0351 - bits of compressed Spanish audio, getting by rock music ("Semi-Charmed Life") slop from CKBW. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1044 SPAIN SER synchros, FEB 5 0350 - Spanish teletalk, slight echo noticed. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1053 UNITED KINGDOM Talk Sport synchros, FEB 4 2349 - sports teletalk // 1089; to fair peak. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1062 DENMARK Danmarks R., Kalundborg, FEB 5 0418 - old-time harmony vocal "Up the Lazy River" (Mills Bros. or similar); fair to good. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1089 UNITED KINGDOM Talk Sport synchros, FEB 4 2347 - talk about



- golf; poor to fair. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1206 FRANCE France Bleu, Bordeaux, FEB 5 0345 - romantic French vocal with some '70s disco influences; good. Much louder than UK on 1215. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1314 NORWAY NRK, Kvitsøy, JAN 20 0331 - loud with "Dream Weaver" by Gary Wright, then woman in Norwegian followed by a country-style Scandinavian male vocal.
- + FEB 4 2342 - recent light-rock hit with lyric "You Sang for Me", then female announcer in Norwegian; good, over CKEC slop. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1377 FRANCE France Bleu, Lille, FEB 4 2323 - '80s hit "Take on Me" by A-Ha, then cover version of 1961 Ray Charles oldie "Unchain My Heart"; loud !
- + FEB 4 2337 - excellent with "Chanson d'Amour" (rut-ta-tut-ta-tut) song that's familiar to anyone who ever watched "Are You Being Served ?" on TV. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1467 FRANCE TWR, Roumoules, FEB 4 2326 - fair with talk in English by an American-accented preacher. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA, Duba, FEB 5 0439 - interludes of large-orchestra instrumental Mideast music interrupted periodically by a man in Arabic. Female pop-style Arabic vocal followed. To good peak with WTKB phase-nulled to almost nothing. [Connelly\*B-MA]

\*\*\* PAN-AMERICAN DX \*\*\*

- 1375.02 ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON RFO, St. Pierre, FEB 4 2339 - man & woman in French; loud (though slopped a bit by huge France-1377 signal). [Connelly\*B-MA]

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WESTERN DX FORUM

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[1/23] Hello. Early this morning, 2am, I went to the Antelope Valley to search for a phone dir. of the area but none located. I did confirm what I saw incorrectly in NRC AM Log on 1380 for KHJJ - its not day only, m but 24 hrs of standards and probably very low power since I lost it about halfway back to Pasadena on 10th St. West. In last log, power was 11 watts I believe. I did go by KAVL towers but saw no lit ones of 1380. Unable to see in darkness if the 2 are still up. Could 610's be used for diplexing? Will try calling to ask. Hope all is well with everyone. 73

[1/26] On 1/26 early about 11:30pm I went back to Antelope Valley and got phone directory plus went out to see if 1380 towers were really lit per CE of FM 105.9 KPWR - no lights noticed. Drove out dirt & rutty road to the area. 610 also nearby, no cars in lot so its remotely controlled from Av K-4 and 1380 is, from Q-9 in Palmdale. The KPWR CE also said 1470 lost 2 towers to poor maint. so I went out to 70th St E near what would be Av K-8 or 10 if it was on map. On way to site I could only see 1 lit tower and once I got to it, saw 1 unlit one also so I assume only 2 are used. Just called Hi Desert Br. about 1120 AM here and confirmed engrs are at 1470 working to get it back to normal service plus woman Lisa says 1380 lites go out at sunset (maybe a timer, but I bet FAA requires them on 24 hrs since Fox Field is nearby). Also 1470 is affiliate of R. Unica, 1380 has a net it uses for standards. I recall 1380 in 60s as KBVM, a daytimer. Wish LA has a Music of Your Life affiliate. Oh, the groupings of AV stations are: Hi Desert Br. KHJJ

1380 standards, KUTY 1470 R. Unica, 93.5 KLKX Rosamont classic rock + 106.3 KGMX Lancaster contemp., then 3 others are co-owned at 190 Sierra Ct. Palmdale - KAVC 1340 Mojave religion/talk, KTPI 103.1 Toehachapi county and KOSS 105.5 Roasamont adult cont. Plus Clear Channel as 610 KAVL sports and 97.7 KAVS Mojave//102.7 KIIS FM and one more FM, 89.5 in ph. book, loc. unknown. 73 all

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EASTERN DX FORUM

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Greetings. Happy New Year to all. I had a good Christmas! First some background. A few years ago I asked my wife Cindy if she had ever seen or heard of "Radio Call Letter Stamps". At that time she said no. She is an antique collector and frequents shops and the Internet looking for items that she collects. So for Christmas I got a surprise. She had managed to obtain 142 stamps! There are a few duplicates so there are about 138 different call letters. For you new guys these call letter stamps were sent back with QSL's to DX'ers as verifications back in the 1920's! And many early radio stations used them. My wife said she has access to more stamps so there will be another surprise in the future! Once I get a chance to sort them all out I will make the list available to whoever may be interested. They will not be for sale! And if there is anyone else out there who collects these let me know. During my 38 years of DX'ing and collecting QSL's I managed to get only one, and that was from KFI back in 1964! Another Christmas gift came from my younger daughter, Erin. She gave me a framed copy of a 1919 Atwater Kent Radio sales ad in a wood frame with glass cover! The ad says that the early Atwater Kent battery operated radios were sold without tubes, you had to buy them separately! And supply your own battery power too! Have tried for all the DX Tests this season. Heard all but the KNUS 710 test. KRKS, KBJD, WAGL and WJNT tests were all easily heard. Also managed to get my name mentioned on WAGL after calling in during test. WAGL was also heard well during previous test about 10 years ago or so. There was one other test that I missed and heard about it after the fact. I heard 710Khz from Denver back in 1973 as KBTR and still needed this frequency for a verie. This was a good chance but their test signal did not make it this. My local WAUR 930 is putting out spurs on 870, 960 and 990. The ones on 870 and 990 are 60Khz on either side of their main signal and are clearly heard here at home during the day 13 miles away. The 870 spur was heard on the car radio up to 20 miles away during the day. I wrote to the station and told them about this. The station's reply was "Thanks - enjoy your hobby". Six months later the spurs are still there. I drove by the station during Christmas holiday and clearly heard the 960 spur from several miles away. And the 870 and 990 signals are so strong and solid that you have a choice of either the main 930 signal or 870 or 990 to listen to! Total coverage for the community of Yorkville and surrounding area! I received notice from Reid Wheeler that someone has nominated me for the IRCA Board of Directors. I appreciate the nomination. I'll have to give it some thought before deciding on accepting. I frequently put in a typical 9 to 10 hours a day at work most of the time. So when I get home it is late in the evening - supper and then to bed most days. There has been little time for sunset and evening DX and there would be even less time for other activities! And the computer and Internet eat away at valuable time

too! The Christmas partial solar eclipse was a fizzle! Did not hear any signal enhancement during the peak period which was near 11 AM here. 73's and good DX!

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My deadline is the last Tuesday of the month.

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FREQ CALL NAME, TITLE; ADDRESS; WHAT; WHEN; WHO

153 Berndt Erfjord; NRK/DX Listeners Club, P O Box 7080, Vestheiene, N-4674 Kristiansand, Norway; Q; 37; MSB [National P-1 program broadcast, Ingoy; for taped report and 2 IRCs]

580 KANA [None]; 105 Main St, PO Box 580, Anaconda MT 59711; L; 9; PM

620 KDBZ [Illegible] CE; 4949 SW Macadam Ave, Portland OR 97201; P; 2; PM [Note correct call sign]

710 KNUS Patrick Griffith, QSL Coordinator; 3131 S Vaughn Way, Suite 601, Aurora CO 80014-3510; QMB; 19; PM

730 CKDM Peter Nykolaishen; 27 3rd Ave NE, Dauphin MB R7N 0Y5; LQ; 10; EB

790 KOOR Rych Withers, Eng; 1071 W Shaw Ave, Fresno CA 93711; R; 28; PM

810 KBHB Steve Naeue, CE; P O Box 99, Sturgis SD 57785; LB; 7; EB

990 KRKS Patrick Griffith, QSL Coordinator; 3131 S Vaughn Way, Suite 601, Aurora CO 80014-3510; QB; 19; PM

1070 CBUU Dave Newbury, CE; CBC, P O Box 4600, Vancouver BC V6B 4A2; Q; 14; PM

1161 DXDS Gaudencia Y Sabella, Eng; Corner of P. Reyes and Palima Gil Streets, 8000 Davao City, Philippines; L; 90; PM [1 kW]

1240 CJNS Dianne D Thomson, ExecAsst; Box 1460, North Battleford SK S9A 2Z5; L+; 18; PM

1296 DXAB Micomlin Prudencio Alojado, StnMgr; KM-4, Shine Hills, Matina, Davao City, Philippines; LB; 97; PM

1450 CHOR Allan Gee, Morning Ann; P O Box 170, 1315 Rosedale Ave, Summerland BC V0H 1Z0; L; 16; PM

1460 KKPR Norma Rizer, Continuity Dir; 403 E 25th St, Kearney NE 68847; R; 6; EB

1570 WANR Michael Arch, GM; 438 N Park Ave, #10, Warren OH 44483; L; 130f; PM

WKBH Brian Butler [KB9TKH], AsstCE/PD; P O Box 2017, La Cross WI 54602-2017; L; 7; PM

1610 TIS John H Schmidt; Calif Dept of Transportation, Maintenance Program, MS-77, P O Box 942873, Sacramento CA 94273-0001; P; 30; GVJ

TIS Scott Eckberg, Chief Ranger; Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site, P O Box 790, Deer Lodge MT 59722; L; 14; PM [10 watts]

1620 KBLI\* Carl Watkins, CE; P O Box 699, Blackfoot ID 83221; F; 11f; PM  
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 1690 KSXX\*\* Len Harris, CE; 429 Elizabeth St, San Francisco CA 94114; L; 21; PM  
 KSXX\*\* Len Harris, CE; 3463 Ramona Ave, Sacramento CA 95826; L; 4; GVJ  
 KSXX\*\* Len Harris, CE, and Rosa Garza, GM; 3463 Ramona Ave, Suite 15, Sacramento CA 95826; LF; 30; PM  
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WHAT was received: L = Letter with personalized statement; F = Form letter; Q = QSL card, commercially printed; C = Postcard or similar card supplied by station; P = Prepared card supplied by DXer; R = DXer's report returned with statement; cf = Certificate; E = Verification by e-mail; fx = Verification by FAX; M = Coverage map; B = Bumper or other sticker; bc = Business card; + = Extra goodies  
 WHEN the reply came: Number of days elapsed; f = Follow-up, by mail, FAX, e-mail, or visit; n = Return postage not used; r = Return postage returned

NOTES: \* [for this column] = See comment below; \*\* [for this column] = See comment below; ^ [for this column] = See comment below

Welcome to the column, Mike, and good to have Eric back with us this month! Patrick indicates that KBLI-1620 is now verifying reports, so send follow-up reports now. Both Patrick and Gary received handwritten letters from Len Harris, CE as veries from KSXX-1690, but note the two different addresses. Patrick then received a second reply from KSXX, this time with a color form signed by Len Harris and a letter signed by Rosa Garza, GM. Patrick mentions that Len Harris is also the CE for KLIB, KOBO, KEST, and KSJK. Patrick notes that the verie letter from WMDM-1690 from Tomas Cuellar was for a reception on 5/8/00, while the prepared card he received from WPTX-1690 was for a reception a couple of months ago. Per Patrick's telephone call to the station, the calls were indeed switched a couple of months ago, with WPTX now the AM call and WMDM now the FM call. This column was prepared on 1/30/01. 73, SSH.

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 Pat Martin - Seaside OR - mwdxer@webtv.net

NEW X BAND LIST (2/5/01)

1610

KALT-TX, ATLANTA-SPT/TLK

1620

WPHG-AL, ATMORE-GOS (SILENT)  
 KSMH-CA, AUBURN-REL (ETWN)  
 KBLI-ID, BLACKFOOT-SPT (ESPN)  
 WHLY-IN, SOUTH BEND-NOS  
 KAZP-NE, BELLEVUE-SPT (ESPN)  
 WTAW-TX, COLLEGE STATION-TLK  
 KYIZ-WA, RENTON-UC-AC

1630

WYRU-GA, AUGUSTA-TLK/SPT  
KCJJ-IA, IOWA CITY-AC  
KKWY-WY, FOX FARM-C&W  
XEUT-MEXICO, TIJUANA-JZ (DAYTIME)

1640

KDIA-CA, VALLEJO-REL (EWTN)  
KPBC-OR, LAKE OSWEGO-REL/GOS  
WKSH-WI, SUSSEX-REL

1650

KWHN-AR, FORT SMITH-TLK/SPT  
KFOX-CA, TORRANCE-KK  
KBJD-CO, DENVER-REL-AC  
KDNZ-IA, CEDAR FALLS-NX/TLK/SPT  
WHKT-VA, PORTSMOUTH-NOS

1660

WMIB-FL, MARCO-NOS  
WQSN-MI, KALAMAZOO-SPT (ESPN)  
WWRU-NJ, JERSEY CITY-SS/ETH  
KQWB-ND, WEST FARGO-NOS  
KRZX-TX, WACO-NX/TLK/SPT  
KXOL-UT, BRIGHAM CITY-OLD

1670

KAZT-CA, REDDING-SPT (ESPN)  
WRNC-GA, WARNER ROBINS-C&W  
WTDY-WI, MADISON-TLK/SPT (1on1)

1680

KAVT-CA, FRESNO-DISNEY  
WTRR-FL, WINTER GARDEN-TOURIST  
WJNZ-MI, ADA-UC-RAP  
WTTM-NJ, PRINCETON-SPT (ESPN)

1690

KSXK-CA, ROSEVILLE-ETH  
KDDZ-CO, ARVADA-DISNEY  
WPTX-MD, LEXINGTON PK-TK/SPT/NOS

1700

WEUV-AL, HUNSVILLE-BG/UC-AC  
WAFN-FL, MIAMI SPRINGS-SS REL  
KBGG-IA, DES MOINES-CNN NEWS  
KQXX-TX, BROWNSVILLE-OLD  
KTBK-TX, SHERMAN-SPT

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Tabulated from email status daily

1/23	167	13	3	low-mod	unsettled-active	- 7
24	173	17	2	low-mod	unsettled-active	- 7
25	169	4	1	low-mod	quiet-unsettled	- 8
26	166	9	2	low-mod	quiet-unsettled	- 7
27	167	4	0	low	quiet	- 4
28	168	8	5	low	active	- 7
29	165	14	2	low-mod	quiet-active	- 5
30	160	3	0	low-mod	quiet-active	- 3
1/31	153	17	1	low	quiet-unsettled	- 8
2/ 1	161	8	3	low	quiet-unsettled	- 5
2	166	8	1	low-mod	quiet-unsettled	- 4
3	164	1	0	low-mod	quiet-unsettled	- 2
4	158	1	0	low-mod	active	- 3
2/ 5	165	2	2	low-mod	quiet-unsettled	- 7

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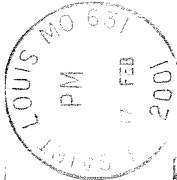
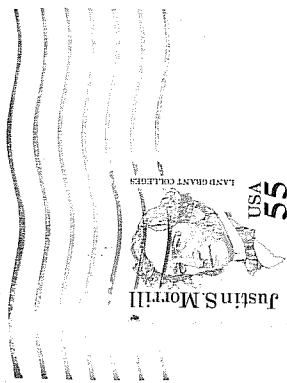
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